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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**Atkinson et al.**

Appl. No. 09/554,941

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For: **PROTEINASE INHIBITOR  
FUSION PROTEINS**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply mailed September 20, 2001 (paper number 8 - copy attached), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the bullet point at page 3, lines 9-10, with the following:

- A1
- • the linker peptide is characterized by comprising the amino acid sequence  
QASSYTAPQPQ (SEQ ID NO:2) --

Please replace the bullet point at page 3, lines 11-12, with the following:

- A2
- • the linker peptide is characterized by comprising the amino acid sequence  
VILGVGPAKIQFEG (SEQ ID NO:1) --